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Liquor Love

slows down vaccination drive

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (SSV)- Has love for liquor among a few Government employees slowed down the ongoing vaccination drive for frontline workers? According to Health Department Officers it is. They say the fear of being unable to consume alcohol after vaccination is deterring certain frontline workers from getting vaccinated.

It may be recalled, many reports have been circulating since the drive began that people who are administered vaccination cannot consumer alcohol for nearly two months.

Officers, on condition of anonymity told *SOM*, "one of the main reasons for reluctance among frontline workers from taking the jab has been addiction to liquor. Some of the staff members in Departments of Police, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Urban Development and Revenue are daily drinkers, who cannot stay without it even for a day. On nationwide launching of vaccine drive on Jan. 16, a few Health Experts had opined that liquor should not be consumed at least for five to six weeks after taking the shot as it compromise response of immune system. Since then, many employees were not ready to take vaccine despite telling that it has not been established yet."

Meanwhile, sources close to Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar told *SOM* that this problem was prevalent across the State.

They also mentioned that this problem of its employees working in various departments being reluctant to take vaccine following their addiction for liquor has come to the notice of the State Government and senior officers have been instructed to bust the alcohol myth.

"In the end, we cannot force them to get vaccinated as it is not compulsory. They can get the shot if they are interested as the chances of spreading to others are remote if vaccine is taken. It is for them to decide liquor or vaccine," said the source.

(See LIQUOR on page 6)

KRS Leopard TRAPPED

Srirangapatna, Feb. 11 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- Tourists flocking Brindavan Gardens and officials manning the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Mandya have heaved a sigh of relief as the elusive leopard that was roaming around the Dam vicinity has finally been trapped last night.

The feline, in search of food, voluntarily entered a cage placed by the Forest Department.

Today morning, growls were heard from the cage and when the officials checked on it, the big cat was in a belligerent mood. Officials later covered the cage with tarpaulin to protect the animal from sunlight and to calm it.

Range Forest Officers Puttaswamy (Pandavapura) and Sunitha (Srirangapatna) told *Star of Mysore* that it is a three-year-old male leopard.

It was trapped in the cage that was kept near the North Gate that comes under Pandavapura limits. The big cat will be released to Reserve Forest at Kollegal based on the directives of the higher officers, they said.

(See LEOPARD on page 6)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-7 for a Letter to Greta Thunberg, Swedish Environmental Activist, on Indian Farm Laws by Mohinder Gulati, former Chief Operating Officer, UN Sustainable Energy for All. —**Ed**

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 11th February 2021

Book launch tomorrow

Dr. S.N. Mothi to hand over first copy of the book *"You'll All See..."* to actress Radhika

Dr. S.N. Mothi Radhika Narayan

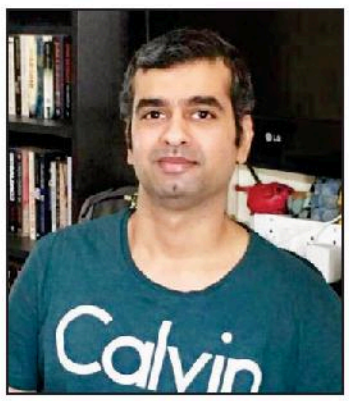
Mysuru, Feb. 11- Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 has organised a programme at MRC Club House, Race Course Road, tomorrow (Feb. 12) at 5.30 pm for the launching of book *"You'll All See..."* authored by Aditya R. Belur.

Dr. S.N. Mothi, Consultant Paediatrician and Founder Trustee, Ashakirana Hospital, will release the book.

Kannada cine actor Radhika Narayan will receive the first copy. Kishan Belur, Sangeeta Belur and Elizabeth Shakuntala will receive copies of the book on the occasion.

Senior Journalist N. Niranjan Nikam will be in conversation with the author.

About the Author: Aditya R. Belur is usually found reading a book, and it is more likely a crime fiction thriller. Writing a novel was always on his bucket list, and eventually with *"You'll All See ..."*, it became a reality.



Aditya R. Belur, Author

When he is not absorbed in the latest gripping page-turner, he likes watching movies English action and now he is hooked on to Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu with good story lines.

Aditya was born in Hyderabad and lives with his parents in Mysuru. He has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Chemical techniques in India can be traced back all the way to the Indus Valley or Harappan civilisation (3rd millennium BCE). Following Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray (1861-1944), the eminent Indian chemist of the last century and a historian of chemistry, five stages in its development in India can be recognised. They are: (i) the pre-Vedic stage upto 1500 BCE, including the Harappan period, (ii) the Vedic and the Ayurvedic period up to 700 CE, (iii) the transitional period from 700 CE to 1100 CE, (iv) the Tantric period from 700 CE to 1300 CE, and (v) the 'Iatro-Chemical period' from 1300 CE to 1600 CE. The dates cannot be considered definitive.

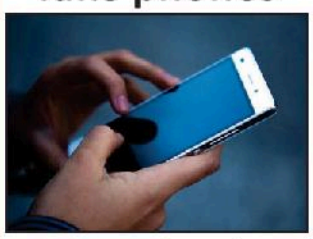
Metallurgy was intimately linked with chemistry in India. We will discuss Indian metallurgy and metal-working in a later article, focussing our attention on chemical techniques for now. Pre-Harappan Indians were acquainted with the art of making baked or burnt clay pottery as well as painting the same with two or more colours.

This implies the construction of open and closed kilns. The pottery of the Harappan culture consisted of mainly wheel-made ware, turned in various shapes, sizes and colours out of the well-levigated alluvium of the Indus. Varahamihira's Brihat-samhitaa (6th century CE) gives detailed information on the preparation of various perfumes and cosmetics. It also gives recipes for the preparation of glutinous material to be applied on the roofs and walls of buildings.

— M.S. Sriram in The New Indian Express

NEWS SPARKLERS

People dupe muggers with fake phones



Mexico: Mugging and armed robberies have become rampant in Mexico City prompting people to but fake smartphones to hand over to criminals.

According to recently released data, there were an average of 70 violent reported muggings in the Mexican capital in the first four months of 2019. Around two thirds of these crimes targeted pedestrians, while the rest were evenly committed against public transportation passengers and motorists stuck in traffic jams or waiting at traffic lights.

The incidence of such crimes has been steadily increasing in the city, but it has gotten so bad that people are now buying fake smartphones to hand over to muggers instead of their real ones.

He swallows magnets to become magnetic

Prestwich: A 12-year-old boy almost died after swallowing 54 magnetic balls to see if he could get metal stick to his stomach.

Rhiley Morrison from Prestwich, Greater Manchester, swallowed one batch on Jan. 1 and the second on Jan. 4. When they failed to pass through his system, he woke up his mum Paige at 2 am and told her that he had swallowed two by accident.

An x-ray revealed that there were many more than that and fearing that they could burn through his organs and kill him, he was rushed to surgery for a six-hour operation.

He spent 10 days unable to move without vomiting up a green liquid caused by his bowel leaking and he had to be fed through a tube. Rhiley was released from hospital after more than two weeks.

Rhiley eventually admitted saying, "I tried to stick magnets to me, I wanted to see if this copper would stick to my belly while the magnets were in."

HEALTH CAPSULE

CAN DIALYSIS PATIENTS TRAVEL?

Yes. They can, before they travel, they have to plan their itinerary very well. If travelling for longer periods, one must make an appointment for dialysis treatments at another center. Every centre will insist on seeing your treatment history and certain blood tests to keep you and their own patients safe.

By Dr. P.M. Uthappa - Consultant Nephrology

COLUMBIA ASIA
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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Type O is the most common blood type. Type A is the second most common blood type, followed by type B; type AB is a rare blood type. Only 4 percent of Caucasians and African-Americans have type AB blood.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 9	FEB. 10
Day's Positive Cases	15	45
Total Positive Cases	53,639	53,684
Day's Discharges	17	22
Total Discharges	52,416	52,438
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,026	1,026
Total Active Cases	196	219

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB.9	FEB.10
Target Beneficiaries	3,877	3,985
Target Achievement	801	1,090
Percentage Achieved	20.66	27.35
AEFI* Reported	0	0

Total Vaccinated till Feb. 10 — 21,398

*NOTE: Daily COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign-2021 Report as per COVID-19 Nodal Officer for Vaccination and Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO), Mysuru. * **Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).***

REALLY...?

- ***To produce a ton of paper we need about 1,15,000 litres of water.***
- ***Making paper from waste paper saves around 85% of water used in normal paper production and reduce water pollution by 92%.***
- ***A ton of recycled paper makes it possible to save approximately 0.4 hectares of forest.***
- ***The land is being deforested at a rate of 6.5 million hectares per year.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband to wife:
"Today is a fine day"
Next day he says : *Today is a fine day. Again next day, he says same thing.* ***Finally after a week, the wife can't take it and asks her husband:*** *Since last one week, you are saying this "Today is a fine day". I am fed up. What's the matter?* ***Husband :*** *Last week when we had an argument, you said, "I will leave you one fine day." I WAS JUST TRYING TO REMIND...!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.77
1 UK Pound	= Rs.100.77
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.81
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.27

VOICE OF THE READER

Blunders in Indian Cricket

Team selection needs realistic approach

Sir,

India gave away the First Test Match at Chennai on a Silver Platter. A series of blunders committed resulted in pathetic performance. The blunders listed are:

1. Pitch: The pitch seemed to have been prepared for English team and they took advantage more with spin than pace this time. Our bowlers were inept in offering the English batsmen any threat, particularly Captain Joe Root. At least India can prepare a better pitch like Australia where both the teams had an equal chance; our pitch curators should learn from Australian curators.

2. Captain: Virat Kohli is known more to lose the toss than he won. His Captaincy has left much to be desired and he is not effective as a Captain.

It is time that Ajinkya Rahane or K.L. Rahul took over the Captaincy.

3. Two batsmen overrated: Kohli and Rohit Sharma are overrated batsmen. Past is not the indicator of the present form. In Australia, Mayank Agarwal played in both the Tests which India won.

Where is the Ravi Shastri dictum that a winning combination should not be disturbed? Mayank Agarwal scored 39 and 9 in the last Test which India won. Yet he did not get a place at Chennai.

4. Shobby Keeper: Rishabh Pant behind the wickets is very poor. Dropping stumpings and catches is dearer than scoring some runs as though he is batting in limited overs cricket. Right from first ball he started connecting for six or four and never settled as a Test batsman in both the innings. He should be dropped and replaced by Rahul or retained only as a batsman.

5. Luxury: Playing two off-spinners in Indian soil is luxury. Who gave the idea is unimaginable. Washington Sundar is just learning. Again past performance in Australia cannot be taken always. He was considered more for bowling but turned out to be a useful batsman. Gone are the days when Venkatraghavan and Prasanna played together as off-spinners.

6. Nadeem: Overnight decision in bringing unheard bowler (Shahbaz Nadeem) when Kuldeep has done well in Indian soil.

An attacking leg-spinner like Shreyas Gopal or Bishnoi would have done a better job of unsettling English batsmen.

Captaincy is really poor on Indian side because England team got better prepared to play spin after playing in Sri Lanka. English spinners bowled well and our batsmen were pushed to the wall in their own den.

Indian selectors should have a realistic approach on selecting the best team based on performance and talent and not on other considerations.

—Prof. N. Narayana Sastry
Mysuru
9.2.2021

New Sand Policy to help end-users: Minister Murugesh Nirani

Govt. should have control over sand distribution and illegalities must be removed: BAI Chairman

Bengaluru, Feb. 11 (KMS& BCT)- The State Government will soon come out with a new Sand Policy to ensure that end-users get sand at a nominal price and without hassles, Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani announced in Bengaluru yesterday.

He told reporters that the existing sand policy would be amended for eliminating procedures such as obtaining permits from PWD and Gram Panchayat (GP) authorities for transportation and use of sand within the district for construction of individual houses or houses to be constructed under the Government Schemes and not for commercial purposes.

The proposed changes would benefit families constructing houses for their personal use, he said. However, permits would have to be obtained from authorities for inter-district movement of sand as well as use of sand within the district for commercial purposes such as construction of apartment complexes.

The Government is taking a number of measures to streamline the system and the new policy will ensure uniform prices for sand transportation in GP limits. The Department has fixed Rs. 300 per tonne for extracting sand from gorge, streams and reserves for construction of houses under Government schemes and other construction activities at GP level.

Nirani claimed that the new sand policy would put an end to corruption. "The aim is to help end-users get local resources at a nominal cost and to put an end to corruption. The Government will not fix a limit on the quantity of sand people take for construction of houses in villages as that is not for sale. They can take sand only from places that are not auctioned and need to pay a nominal charge," he added.

Murugesh Nirani M. Rathnaraj

BAI welcomes Govt. move

Welcoming the Minister's statements on sand policy, Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, Chairman M. Rathnaraj said that the Government must have a proper control over sand distribution and all illegalities have to be eliminated. Transportation and shipping of sand from Karnataka to other States must be prevented and people of Karnataka have to get first preference in the sand policy, he added.

"Sand must be available to common man and builders and many Governments have not had control over sand mafia. At the same time, the new sand policy must take measures against indiscriminate mining that will lead to ecological disaster," he added.

Ease-of-doing business

"Only 183 blocks are allowed across Karnataka and cess will be levied on tipper, lorry and other vehicles transporting sand and no charges for transporting sand in bullock carts and two-wheelers. Transportation of sand from one district to another will not be allowed and must be transported within jurisdictional limits. However, permits will be needed to transport sand for commercial purposes and from one district to another," Minister Nirani said.

In the new mining policy, separate action plans would be formulated for coastal, middle and north Karnataka districts taking into account weather and seasonal demand. Nirani said that in line with 'ease-of-doing business', it was proposed to establish a "single window" agency to expedite applications for mining. This would reduce harassment faced by the investors to get permits.

District-level and State-level clearance committees would be set up for clearing investments below Rs. 5 crore and above Rs. 5 crore, respectively, he said. Currently, an investor has to get a no-objection certificate (NoC) from the Revenue Department (Deputy Commissioner) and Forest Department (Deputy Conservator of Forests), and environment clearance certificate from the Pollution Control Board before final approval from the Directorate of Mines and Geology Department.

Design dress code for UoM Convocation

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (SSV)- A Committee constituted by the Syndicate of the University of Mysore (UoM) under the Chairmanship of the Registrar (Evaluation) to suggest the pattern of Convocation dress has invited suggestions from the general public, alumni of the Varsity and the designers.

This is being done following directions from University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Governor of Karnataka to use Khadi and handloom fabrics. Interested can suggest the pattern and colour for the Convocation dress keeping in mind the culture and heritage of Karnataka and UoM.

Suggestions or designs may be sent to: *uni.convocationdresscode@gmail.com* or WhatsApp to: 99860-43711 or drop in the Suggestions Box kept in the Office of the Registrar (Evaulation), University of Mysore, with the caption **"Convocation Dress Code"** before Feb 18.

Seminar on significance of historical records tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.11- The Department of Archives will be conducting a State-level seminar on *'The significance and use of historical records'* at the Government College for Women at Hunsur at 10.30 am tomorrow (Feb.12).

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath will inaugurate the seminar, while the College Principal Gnanaprakash will preside, according to a press release from the Principal of Government College for Women, Hunsur.

NEWS BRIEFS

Entries invited for award

Karnataka Rajya Vokkaligara Vikasa Vedike, having office on the second floor of City Bus Stand building, K.R. Circle in city, has invited entries from women achievers in different fields to bestow 'Smt. Yashodharamma Dasappa Award.' The award will be conferred at the Women's Day event to be held in March this year. Last date to send entries, along with supporting records, is Feb. 20. For details, contact Mob: 99026-98623 or e-mail: *krwvrm@gmail.com*

DC's Office official transferred

Senior officer Johnson, who was serving as Office Assistant (Tahsildar Grade) at the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) Office in city for the past several years, has been transferred and posted as Special Tahsildar at MUDA Office in the city. N.K. Nischay, who was serving as Special Tahsildar at MUDA, has been posted in place of Johnson.

Scholarship exam on Feb. 14

DKS Academy, Mysuru, will be conducting scholarship exam for 7th, 8th and 9th ongoing batch students on Feb. 14 (Sunday). The exam will be conducted in two levels — first level through online and second through offline — at its branches in Bogadi, Vijayanagar, Hootagalli and Kuvempunagar. For online registration, visit *http://www.dksacademy.com*. For details, contact Mob: 94825-49632.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	124.80	feet
Yesterday	114.76	feet
Inflow	430	cusecs
Outflow	793	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	2,284.00	feet
Today	2,271.38	feet
Inflow	135	cusecs
Outflow	300	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	2,859.00	feet
Today	2,822.95	feet
Inflow	58	cusecs
Outflow	30	cusecs

Swachh Survekshan-2021

MCC creates awareness on usage of alternative products in place of banned plastics

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (PM&KS)- In a bid to create awareness on using alternative products in place of banned plastics, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), as part of Swachh Survekshan - 2021, created awareness on recyclable plastic at an event organised in front of Dufferin Clock Tower yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rohini Sindhuri, who stated that plastic was more dangerous than a nuclear bomb, said that many have shun plastic products and more and more people were now seen carrying cloth bags for shopping. Pointing out that a lot of women Self Help Groups (SHGs) were indulged in manufacturing cloth bags and paper covers, the DC said that there were plans to open two outlets for them to sell their products.

Humorist and Kannada Professor Krishnegowda, who was the chief guest, said that every organisation in city should actively participate in Swachh Survekshan and should take efforts to create awareness on cleanliness among the public.

Students of MMK&SDM Women's College staged a street play on cleanliness on the occasion. Cloth bags and paper covers were distributed to the public. Recyclable waste, cost of its purchase per kilogram and what products could be manufactured from these wastes were also displayed at the venue.

Humorist & Kannada Professor Krishnegowda, DC Rohini Sindhuri and MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hedge distributing cloth bags to members of the public as MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj and others look on.

Speaking to media persons later, DC Rohini said that there were plans to use furniture such as tables and chairs made from recyclable plastic in place of wooden furniture in the office and also added that it is being suggested to install benches made from recyclable plastic in parks.

Pointing out that Swachh Survekshan-2021 was in progress in city, the DC said that one lakh Mysureans had voted through Swachh Survekshan app till date and added that the voting is open till March besides urging the public to vote in large numbers.

Stating that though single-use plastic was banned, it was still in use as it is not implemented effectively, she called upon the public to shun usage of plastic voluntarily as single-use plastic does not disintegrate or gets destroyed even after thousand years which eventually cause harm and damage the environment.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Chairman of MCC Standing Committee on Health Gopi, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, MCC Additional Commissioner Shashikumar and others were present.

Builders to stop work for a day tomorrow

'Cartelisation by steel, cement industries has increased prices without justification'

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (MTY&BCT)- A joint forum comprising Builders Association of India (BAI), Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI), National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Association of Consulting Civil Engineers-India (ACCE-I), representing various bodies of the construction industry, has announced a day-long strike tomorrow (Feb. 12) to protest unreasonable and frequent increase in prices of steel and cement.

The construction body demanded that there should be fair pricing of these two products and has also called for a regulatory authority to control the increasing prices.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, State Chairman BAI Karnataka U.M. Gurushanthappa said that it will be a nationwide peaceful protest and in Mysuru, a memorandum will be submitted to the Deputy Commissioner to draw the attention of the Government.

"The Centre and State Governments have come up with schemes to provide housing for all and various infrastructure projects. All these are now in danger of not getting implemented because of undue increase in steel and cement prices," said Gurushanthappa.

He pointed out that the price of steel has shot up from Rs. 35,000 per tonne in the beginning of 2019 to Rs. 45,000 to Rs. 75,000 per tonne. Similarly, the price of a bag of cement has increased to Rs. 460 from Rs. 280, resulting increase in construction costs.

Cartelisation

"With a continuous and sudden upsurge due to cartelisation in the prices of steel, cement and other raw materials, real estate developers are experiencing an inevitable increase in construction cost and are faced with a situation that will create a delay in delivery, stalling of projects in some cases, thereby impacting the homebuyers at large. Builders are facing an uphill task of further convincing the customers of this additional burden," he said.

"Cartelisation by the steel and cement industries have formed an unholy alliance to increase prices without justification. Despite several representations made by construction industry Associations to Centre and State governments, no action has been taken so far. Hence in the interest of the general public and the construction industry, we are organising a one-day strike/stop work, on Feb. 12," he added.

Scarce M-sand

"Real estate plays an important role in strengthening the economy. But of late, developmental projects are in the risk of coming to a grinding halt. Builders and contractors, who are working with a thin margin, are unable to absorb the increase in costs and are forced to pass it to the customers," Chairman of NAREDCO Mysuru N. Divyesh said.

He added that these days even M-sand is not available. "The Government must intervene and give us M-sand so that construction does not stop," he added.

Chairman of BAI Mysuru Centre M. Rathnaraj, Secretary of MUDA Contractors' Association C.D. Krishna, Secretary of CREDAI Mysuru D. Srihari, President of ACCE(I) Mysuru S. Prakash were present during the press conference.

IPS Officer's case

Niteen Yeola's lawyer clarifies

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Following the publication of the news item titled ***'IPS Officer files dowry harassment case'*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Feb. 8, 2021, on page 4, Swaty Singh Malik, advocate for Niteen Yeola, IFS, has issued the clarification as below:

"The FIR registered against my client Mr. Yeola is completely malicious, false and an afterthought in pursuance of the legal proceedings initiated by Mr. Yeola. They have been living separately since March 2019 and the FIR has been filed after more than 2 years in Bengaluru where Mrs. Katiyar is posted as a senior Police officer. We have filed a Petition seeking Divorce on behalf of Mr. Yeola in the Hon'ble Family Court, New Delhi in June 2020, which includes request for access to the minor child Ayaan.

"The Hon'ble Court in the said proceedings directed Mrs. Katiyar to allow Mr. Yeola to speak to Ayaan on alternate weekends. However, Mrs. Katiyar refused to comply with the said Court Order.

"Subsequently, we have filed a Contempt Petition in the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in December 2020 which is pending adjudication.

"The F.I.R. as an afterthought was filed during the pendency of the said Contempt Proceedings. As far as merits of the case are concerned, we will refrain from any statement as the matter is sub-judice."

Pay to park in front of your own house!

- **Parking Policy 2.0 for Bengaluru approved**
- **Now pay up to Rs. 5,000 annually to park in front of your own house**
- **There is no such proposal in Mysuru, says MCC Commissioner**

Bengaluru/Mysuru, Feb. 11- Parking will no longer be free on public roads in Bengaluru as the Urban Development Department has approved the Parking Policy 2.0. This will be implemented once the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) complete the task of preparing the area parking plan by constituting zonal task forces which would take at least six months to one year.

But residents of Mysuru need not worry as Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde said that there was no such proposal here.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Gurudatta Hegde said that Mysuru does not have the worst situation of parking like in Bengaluru except on D. Devaraj Urs Road, Ashoka Road and in City centre.

Even this would be solved once the multi-level parking in Town Hall premises is completed and put to use, he added.

According to the Government order dated Feb. 2, 2021, approval of the Government is accorded to the Parking Policy 2.0 for Bengaluru. The DULT shall prepare the Area Parking Plans in accordance with the Policy and the BBMP shall implement the Parking Policy 2.0 for Bengaluru as per Area Parking Plans and in accordance with the approved Police.

Though the policy was first prepared in 2012, DULT decided to draft a fresh one as Metro, shared bicycles and bikes and also cab aggregators began operations. As per the new policy, almost all roads in commercial and residential areas will come under 'Pay and Park' system. The policy has also laid out guidelines on roads where parking should be completely banned. Parking of vehicle in front of one's own home will only be allowed after obtaining an annual fee. The Government has fixed Rs. 1,000 per year for small cars, Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 4,000 for medium cars and Rs. 5,000 for Multi-Utility Vehicles (MUVs) and Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs).

Permit system would be introduced in some selected areas on pilot basis and people can purchase parking permits on quarterly or annual payment basis, which could be renewed at the end of the term. The policy states that a permit does not guarantee a parking spot but only authorises the permit holder to park on the road for which the permit is allotted, if space is available.

The Parking Policy also covers shared mobility operators and delivery agents who can pay bulk parking fees. "Such beneficiaries shall be validated by the aggregator and RTO. A database of such beneficiaries should be maintained in the central parking portal," the policy document reads.

In other measures suggested, the policy contends that the traffic congestion at the centre of Bengaluru is linked to the movement of freight vehicles and the location of major wholesale markets in the city. It suggests shifting a few wholesale markets to the periphery of the city. The policy also lays down guidelines for school transport vehicles, construction vehicles, inter-city vehicles, freight vehicles etc.

The policy was made public in March 2020 and focused on a four-point goal: Making a shift from chaotic parking to organised parking in the city; From free parking to paid parking; Move from government-driven parking supply to market-driven parking supply; and management and ensure strict enforcement of the new policy – a shift from the present "passive and weak" enforcement.

Construction worker goes missing

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (KS)- A 35-year-old construction worker, who left his house for work on Jan. 19, has since gone missing, according to the complaint lodged by his wife Lakshmi with Jayapura Police.

Mahesh

The missing man is Mahesh, a resident of T. Katur in the taluk.

He has a scar on his right hand and has the name 'Lakshmi' tattooed on his chest.

Those having any information about Mahesh may contact Jayapura Police Station on Ph: 0821-2595781 or call the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

It is herewith brought to the notice of the general public that, **Sri.M.S.Jagadish,** S/o. Sri M. Siddegowda residing at Mantikyathanahalli village, Jayapura Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, and his family members and **Sri.Kumar B.,** S/o. Late Borappa P., residing at No:23 CH-5, 3rd Cross, 4th Main, Jayanagar, Chamaraj Mohalla, Mysuru City, are entering into a joint Venture Agreement to develop the landed property described in the Schedule herein, with my clients. In the event of anybody claiming to have any interest, right, Power of Attorney or any such interest or right are herewith notified to contact our office with appropriate documents in support of any such claim of interest or right within 7 (seven) days from the date of this notification. Failure, my clients will proceed with their intention of getting the joint Venture Agreement and such other requisite documents executed in their favour. And in such an instance my clients shall not be liable to any claim of right or interest nor liable to pay any damages or compensation of any sort to anybody.

SCHEDULE

Landed property bearing Survey No: 93/3 measuring 1 Acre 11 Guntas, 96/2 measuring 2 acre 11 Guntas, 97/1 measuring 34 Guntas and 97/2 17 Guntas in total 4 acre 33 Guntas situated in K.Hemmanahalli village, Elwala Hobli, Mysuru Taluk & District.

Date:08-02-2021

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ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಎಸ್. ರಸ್ತೆ, ವಾಣಿವಿಲಾಸ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಯಾದವಗಿರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾಇಂ/ವಾವಿನೀ/ಕ.ತ/ಟಿ.ಎಸ್.20/1471/2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09-02-2021

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ KW-I, ನಿಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 0821-2418849 ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ನಿಗಧಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಫಾರಂ ಶುಲ್ಕವನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

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ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು,
ವಾಣಿವಿಲಾಸ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು

Murder accused held in Kerala

Mysuru, Feb.11 (YDS&SSV)- N.R. Police have arrested the prime accused in the murder of an youth at his house in JNNURM 'A' block housing complex behind Kuri Mandi in city two months ago.

The accused has been identified as **Vinay alias Parota**, 27, a resident of Kuri Mandi. He was produced before a Court which has remanded him to judicial custody. He was allegedly involved in the murder of Ravi, a resident of the same area.

Details: Vinay and Ravi alias Bajja of Kuri Mandi had old enmity over financial matter. On Dec 13, Ravi came to Vinay's house and quarrelled with him. Since then Vinay's house owner was pressurising him to vacate the house. Annoyed over this, Vinay along with Nikhil alias Maada and Appu went to Ravi's house the next day and strangulated him with a towel. Subsequently, the Police had arrested Nikhil and Appu, but Vinay had escaped.

The Police finally nabbed him at Kollam in Kerala. The Police team headed by Inspector Azaruddin arrested the murder accused.

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150 YEARS OF CELEBRATING THE MAHATMA

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

The Superintending Engineer, SMF, Challakere, BARC, Mysore invites on behalf of President of India online item rate bids on two envelope system for following work(s):

NIT No: BARC/SMFC/MRSS/O&M/2020

Name of Work "Annual contract for Operation & Maintenance and breakdown maintenance Assistance of 220/11 kV Master Receiving Substation at BARC-SMFC, Challakere, Chitradurga, Karnataka.".

Estimated Cost: **Rs.46.50 Lakhs.** Earnest money:**Rs. NIL (Submit Bid security Declaration),** & Period of completion **12 (Twelve) Calendar months**

The last date of purchase & download of tender documents **10.02.2021(11:00Hrs)** to **23.02.2021(15:00)** and submission of bid **25.02.2021 up to 15:00 Hrs.**

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/DAE /** The NIT is also available on **www.barc.gov.in**

For the details of NIT contact **0821 240 6644/6660, 9000114182** email: **gshegde@barc.gov.in; psreddy@barc.gov.in**

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ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ನಗರ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಅಭಿಯಾನ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಿಂದಿ ಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವ HbaIC Machine ಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ.

● ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ/ಡಿ.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್/ಸಿ.ಪಿ.ಎಂ.ಯು/ಮೈ/13/2020-21 ದಿ: 08.02.2021 ● ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊಬಲಗು ರೂ.11,50,000/- ● ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ: 28,750/- ನಿಗದಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ: 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 08.03.2021 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 03.00 ರವರೆಗೆ. 2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 09.03.2021 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆ. 3) ಅರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: 10.03.2021 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆ. 4) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ: ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಹೆಚ್ ಕಛೇರಿ ಆವರಣ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದು www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ: ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಸೊಸೈಟಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ಯಾಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಎನ್.ಪಿ.ಸಿ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಆವರಣ, ನಜರ್‌ಬಾದ್, ಮೈಸೂರು-10 ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

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Liquor Love slows vaccination drive

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On Monday last, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri took the vaccine to prompt other staff members to take it. But her effort seems to have not yielded result in key departments like Revenue and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, as many employees were not coming forward to take vaccine.

Complete vaccination by Saturday

The State Health Department has asked all District Officers to complete vaccination of Healthcare and Frontline Workers before Feb. 13.

This is being done probably to administer the second dose of Covishield vaccine to all those who had received the first shot on Jan. 16 when it was launched nationwide by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. According to vaccine manufacturing company, second dose should be preferably given after 28 days of receiving the first shot or within two months. Going by this guideline, all those who got vaccinated on the first day, were due to receive the second dose sometime during next week.

A senior Health Officer told *SOM* that the State Government has so far, not taken any decision regarding the second dose of vaccination. It should be done in consultation with the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee headed by Dr. K.S. Sudarshan. Keeping this in view, the State Health Department has asked all District Officers to mop up vaccination of Healthcare and Frontline staff before Feb. 13. The Technical Advisory Panel is likely to meet on Saturday and announce the beginning of administering second dose. According to scientists, the body develops immunity against the pandemic only after 45 days of taking the second dose. "The Government's intention may be complete administering of second dose at the earliest to start fresh round of vaccination for people above 50 years of age and those below 50 years but with comorbidities."

"We have also received communication to use the existing stock of Covishield on the remaining Healthcare and Frontline workers before this week. Besides, we have been asked to remove all duplicate, ineligible and migrants names from CoWIN App to arrive at a correct picture. In district, there are around 8,000 such names to be deleted from the list and the work has begun. Quite a few healthcare workers have gone back to their States after completing studies. Return of such persons is ruled out," the officer noted.

1,090 take shot on Feb. 10

As many as 1,090 persons of the 3,985 beneficiaries listed for taking COVID-19 vaccine took the jab yesterday.

With this, the number of Frontline workers who have taken the vaccine since Monday last, has touched 1,996 of the total 17,000 in the district. On the first day, only 358 were vaccinated and 548 persons took vaccine on the second day. Though, the number of people's turnout for the vaccination drive was not satisfactory, the Health Department Officers were optimistic of the phase to pick up later this week.

On Wednesday, Assistant Commissioner of Mysuru Sub-Division, Venkataraju and officers from Revenue, Police, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Urban Development were among those who received the jab. The vaccination drive has been going on at the District Hospital, Taluk General Hospitals, Primary Health Centres and Urban Primary Health Centres from 10 am to 5 pm.

KRS Leopard trapped

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It may be recalled that the leopard was found roaming on the premises of the KRS Dam in Srirangapatna taluk on Feb.3, creating a scare. The CCTV camera footage showed the big cat wandering near the South Gate – the main entrance.

Officials at KRS were on high alert and the Forest Department had placed two cages to trap the elusive cat.

Officials said that the cage near the South Gate — coming under Srirangapatna limits — will be placed for a couple of more days to rule out the possibility of another leopard roaming in the vicinity. This is for the first time that a leopard has been seen near the Dam site and now it has been trapped.

Officials from Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) that manages the Dam said that they were on alert ever since the leopard was spotted. "We were seeing the CCTV footage every night to spot the big cat and to keep an eye on its movements. Now that the leopard has been trapped, we are relieved," said an officer.

Green Buds depositors end indefinite stir after DC holds talks

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (PM&MK)-The day-night indefinite stir launched by Green Buds Agro company depositors in front of the Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office here, seeking return of deposits, ended last night with DC Rohini Sindhuri visiting the protesters and assuring them of addressing their demand in 45 days.

The depositors, who were duped of their investment in Green Buds Agro Company, had launched an indefinite stir on Feb. 8 to urge the Government for taking concrete measures for return of their deposits after auctioning of the Company's properties, as directed by the Government.

On the third day yesterday, the DC visited the protesters at about 7.30 pm and held talks with them. She said that the Court has directed the Govt. to submit details of depositors cheated by the company along with supporting documents. Accordingly, all information will be collected and collated, following which a report will be submitted to the Court in about 45 days, she added. Maintaining that the outbreak of COVID-19 delayed the collection of data, she said that four more officials will be deputed for the job and all measures will be taken to render speedy justice to depositors. She also sought co-operation of depositors in data collection.

Following the DC's assurance that their issue will be addressed, the protesters called off their indefinite stir on Wednesday night.

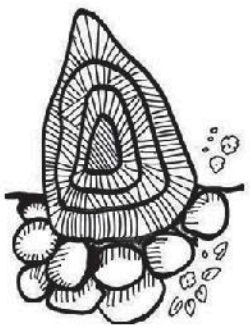
Karnataka Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shantakumar, General Secretary Hathalli Devaraj, Green Buds Agro company Agents and Depositors Welfare Committee State President Lakshmidevi, General Secretary Baradanapura Nagaraj and others were present.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Religion in Prehistoric India

Humans domesticated fire around 3,00,000 years ago. We started using tools around that time. But, the human brain evolved to its current size roughly 2,00,000 years ago. We migrated out of Africa into India, 50,000 years ago. So, when do we find the earliest signs of religion in India? It depends on how we define religion. In archaeological terms, religion means belief in something unseen, apart from the current, lived experience.



As humans, thanks to our imagination, our experience expanded beyond the natural world of elements, plants, animals and humans, to the supernatural world of dreams, delusions, projections and visions: an alternate reality of spirits, ghosts, deities and demons, into which we could travel and return, in a state of drug-induced trance.

Today, we refer to these worlds as heaven, hell, spirit world, dream time — it doesn't matter. It is an alternate reality that exists for the believer. It is from this alternate reality words like spiritual, occult and mystical emerge.

This is the word of the Gods, demons and spirit animals. It exists today for those who believe in the spiritual. It existed in prehistoric times too. Long before we wrote down our religious beliefs as stories, we expressed our beliefs materially in the form of images and in rituals.

The first indicator of prehistoric beliefs is the self-conscious practice of disposing the dead, either burial or cremation. Some animals, such as crows, elephants and dolphins do have a special relationship with death. But, most don't. Humans transform death into a special moment, treating the dead with reverence. Some bury the dead with food and weapons, because they believe in an afterlife, a place to which the dead have to travel.

In Megalithic times, we find piles or circles of stones, to mark graves, across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. In Inamgaon, Maharashtra, near the Ghod river, a tributary of the Bhima, scientists have found 3,000-plus year burial sites, in the floor of houses, with bodies placed inside pots, along with grave goods.

Other burials have been found outside houses, in the same region where the body is oriented in a north-south direction, indicating that spaces (inside/outside) and directions (cardinal) were given special mythic meaning. One skeleton had its feet chopped off, probably to prevent its rise as a ghost.

The second indicator of religion is cave art. Most cave art in India depicts observable phenomena like hunting in early phase, and farming and herding in latter phase. More men are shown than women, men are shown with exaggerated genitals and women are shown performing household chores, suggesting pre-historic India was patriarchal.

There are scenes of heterosexual and homosexual sex in Central Indian cave paintings of the Bronze Age, indicating no homophobic taboos. There are also images of "fabulous beasts" such as monkey-like beasts with lion-like jaws, and bull-headed serpents, suggesting a mythology.

Archaeologists of India have found a stone platform dating to around 10,000 years ago, in 8000 BCE, in the Baghor area, which is the Son valley of Madhya Pradesh. On this, there is a specially coloured rock on which were carved images of triangles within triangles. This is probably the oldest shrine of India.

For the Kol, Baiga and Gond tribes, who live in that area today, such symbols are indicative of the Goddess Shakti, who creates life. Was this the belief of those ancients who created the triangular stone shrine? We can only speculate. What we know for sure is that before the Vedas, before the Harappans, the many hunter-gatherers and tribes of India had their own mythological ideas, some of which may be surviving in contemporary belief systems.

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Letter to Greta

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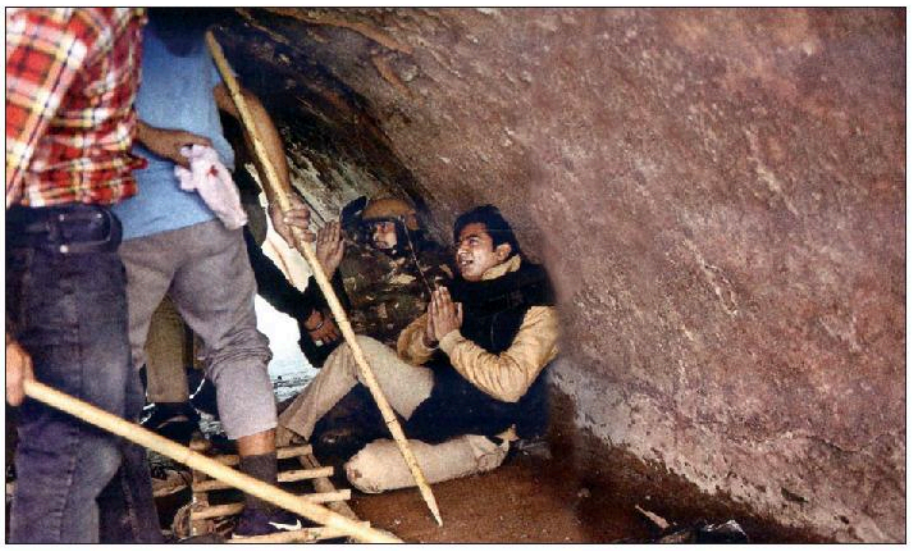
Greta Thunberg, Swedish environmental activist



Protestors corner two Policemen during the farmers' protest at the Red Fort. Courtesy: The Week Magazine, February 7, 2021 (Photograph by PTI)

Dear Greta,

I had admired your courage, commitment, and capturing the global imagination on climate justice when you stood up at the 2018 UNCCC. As Chief Operating Officer of United Nations Sustainable Energy for All until 2015, I was deeply involved with global advocacy and building consensus for Sustainable Development Goal-7 and Paris Climate Agreement. When I heard you in 2018 and 2019 my heart warmed up since we had been advocating that the youth would drive the change for a better future, and you emerged as a torch-bearer of that trust. However, I am writing to you with some disappointment that you have started using your well-earned bully pulpit to wade into political issues, such as farmers' protest in India, which may not be as simple and as straightforward as you may have been led to believe.

I would like to apprise you of four key issues that you should carefully consider for an informed opinion on the subject.

1. Emissions from crop residue burning. Farmers demanded, and regrettably the Government of India agreed, to withdraw penalties for burning crop residue. Indian farmers, mostly around Delhi in the States of Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh, burn about 100 million tons (Mt) a year of crop residue which generates 140 Mt of CO2, 12 Mt of other noxious gases and 1.2 Mt of particulate matter choking a population of about 50 million in the area. Crop residue burning also destroys the nitrogen and carbon potential of the soil, kills the microflora and fauna beneficial to the soil, removes the large portion of the organic matter, and unavoidably leads to increased use of chemical fertilizers. Smog in Delhi forces young children to skip school and stay indoors, 2.2 million children suffer irreversible lung damage. Your embassy in Delhi can inform you how they gasp for air during that period. Do you support farmers' demand to let them continue to burn crop residue and add to emissions?

2. Food wastage. Every year in India, about 67 million tons of food is wasted, which has been estimated to be around US$14 billion and could feed 100 million people. Up to 40 per cent of the food produced in India is wasted, according to the United Nations Development Program, and about 21 million tons of wheat (2.5 Mt GHG) — equivalent to gross annual production of Australia — is wasted annually. FAO estimates show that two-third of food is wasted in post-harvest transportation, storage, processing and distribution before it reaches the consumer. If food wastage was a country, it would be the third largest emitter after the US and China. Embedded carbon in the wasted food in India is about 60 Mt of CO2 equivalent. India desperately needs to modernize its agriculture, strengthen market linkages, and invest in the whole supply chain. This cannot, and should not, be done by the governments and should be left to a competitive, efficient and well-regulated private sector. Do you support India to continue with the current archaic systems and waste food that could feed 100 million hungry every year?

3. Water Crisis. A severe water crisis is looming large in India. About 85% of irrigated agriculture in India depends on groundwater. India extracts about 230 km3 of groundwater every year of which 90% is used for irrigation. World Bank estimates show that by 2030, 65% of Indian groundwater would be considered over-exploited, that is, extracting more than is recharged by nature. Fifty years ago, farmers in Punjab and Haryana valiantly rose to the challenge of food insecurity and started growing rice in a semi-arid agro-climatic zone to feed the country. It has come at a very heavy environmental cost of severe depletion of groundwater, deteriorating water quality, excessive use of chemical fertilizers and cancer-causing pesticides. India is now food surplus and needs to create incentives to make agriculture less resource intensive and demand driven. Agitating farmers want the government to lock into the current system of growing resource intensive and chemical ridden agriculture. Do you support that?

4. Corruption-controlled agriculture markets. You may not be aware but the current system forces farmers to sell their produce through government-established market yards where they have to pay a brokerage of about 2 to 3% and market tax of about 5 to 6%. Market Committees collect this tax supposedly for "rural development", are controlled by politicians, and their accounts are not audited for years. The revenue is often swindled by corrupt politicians controlling these Committees. The new laws give a choice to the farmers to either continue to sell in the existing market yards or sell to anyone anywhere in the country and that too without paying any tax.

There are other strong vested interests benefitting from the status-quo. Government procures large quantities of wheat and rice for the public distribution system and pays a pre-announced minimum support price (MSP). Out of about 210 Mt of wheat and rice produced in the country, the Government procures about 85 Mt for sale to the poor at one-tenth of the procurement price. About 52% of this procurement is made from only three States Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh — the hub of agitating farmers. More than 90% of the farmers in rest of India do not benefit from this system. Normally, the market price is lower than the MSP. This is what creates a great opportunity for the broker-mafia. Brokers and politicians purchase wheat and rice from farmers in other States at a lower price (about 60% of MSP) and pay them in cash, bring it to government procurement stations in Punjab, Haryana and UP, sell it at a higher price (MSP) and get paid by cheque. This is counted as their agriculture income which is tax-exempt. So these brokers, often politicians or campaign financiers, not only earn the huge arbitrage but also convert the cash (generally crime money) to legitimate tax-free income. New laws would bring in transparency and make it difficult to legitimize crime money. No wonder farmer agitation is so well funded. I feel the innocent farmers may not even know the source of this questionable "philanthropic" funding. I wonder if you would support a system of legitimizing crime and corruption money in the hands of corrupt politicians and their cronies.

Farmers in Punjab, Haryana, and part of Uttar Pradesh have a legitimate apprehension which needs to be addressed through dialogue and not intransigence of either party. India has adequate institutions of Parliament, Courts, Media, and public opinion to allow peaceful protests and open dialogue to solve its myriad problems of poverty and development. I am sure, eventually a satisfactory solution would be found not only for the agitating farmers of a few States but also for the remaining 90% farmers of India who would stand to gain from the new laws.

You are doing a great service to the cause of climate change, an existential threat to humanity that needs to be addressed urgently. We need global consensus for implementation of the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. Walking into the thicket of local political issues, often mired in a battle with corrupt and vested political interests, would undermine your ability to keep the moral high ground to exhort World Leaders into action for a sustainable future. I would urge you not to expend your political and moral capital on controversial local political issues.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the United Nations Secretary-General H.E. António Guterres for his information.

I look forward to your continued advocacy of a sustainable future.

With warm regards,

Mohinder Gulati
mgulatiwb@gmail.com

EDITOR'S NOTE: *When **Star of Mysore** spoke to Mohinder Gulati about his letter, he stated that, while he was glad **SOM** would be publishing his letter, it would be wonderful if his letter could be translated into Kannada also.*

*As he put it, "I feel many important communications, such as the new agriculture laws, are not translated into regional languages in order to communicate and explain issues which can be understood by a majority of Indians." In keeping with his request, this letter will be translated and published in our widely read Kannada Daily **Mysuru Mithra** also.*

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06504	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06082	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	6 days a week except Wednesday	Shatabdi Express
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.25	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved

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DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service	
06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	05.00	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06081	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	6 days a week except Wednesday	Shatabdi Express
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
06503	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HUBBALLI AND BACK VIA HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE & HAVERI

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Dharwad Arrival	Days of Service	
06295	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Fully Reserved
	[Via - Hassan, Arsikere, Kadur, Birur, Tarikere, Bhadravati, Shivamogga and Sagara]					
06296	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Fully Reserved
	[Via - Sagara, Shivamogga, Bhadravati, Tarikere, Birur, Kadur, Arsikere, Hassan and K.R. Nagara]					
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully reserved

TOWARDS CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	07.20 (Mys)	09.10	Daily	Fully Reserved
06223	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.35	14.35	Daily	Unreserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.10	16.45 (Mys)	Daily	Fully reserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily	Unreserved

All rail-related information through mobile phones: Type <Rail> send to 139 or dial 139 on land lines; Security Helpline: 182

Passengers can buy unreserved tickets three days in advance for journeys beyond 200 kms at:

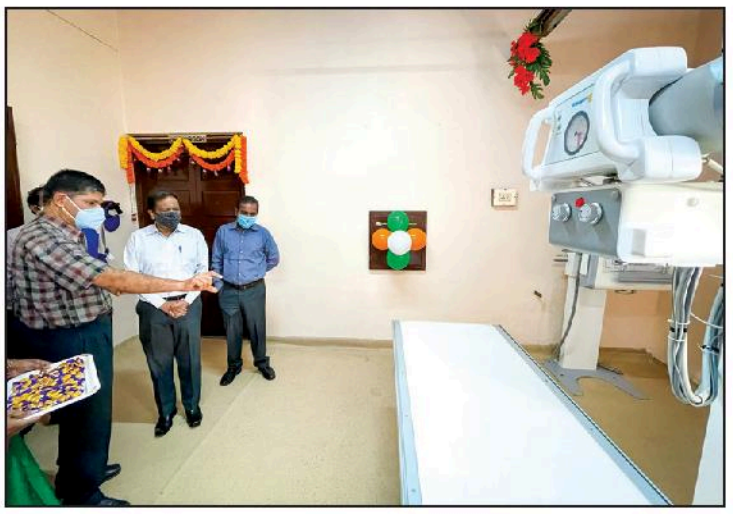
1) Booking Office, Mysore Railway Station
2) Tejaswi Enterprises, # 115, opposite Thaponandana Park, Panchamanthra Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysore570 023 (Ph: 2341111)
3) Ravitheja Enterprises #514 Bharath Mansion, New Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysore (08214256789).

For battery operated vehicle facility call Mob: 97316-18884

NOTE: *Computerised Advanced Reservation facility is also available at Sri Ganapati Sachchidananda Ashram Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417311) and Siddarthanagar Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417335), Sharma Services, Keerthi Plaza, Chamundipuram, Mysore Ph: 08214289032. Railway timetable is published in Star of Mysore every Thursday.*

Advanced X-Ray Unit

inaugurated at Railway Hospital



Mysuru, Feb. 11- An advanced X-Ray Unit was inaugurated at Railway Hospital, Mysuru, by Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Mysore Division of South Western Railway (SWR), recently.

The X-Ray Unit is with generator and high frequency constant output of less radiation and 360 degree rotating floor. Its features include motorised floating table which enables six positions and is helpful for Infants to obese patients, trauma patients and patients incapable for physical movement.

The unit has the technical advantages of Automatic Exposure Control, Safety indication, Self-Diagnostic control panel, Manual & Magnetic locks for all the mechanical movements.

A. Devasahayam, Additional Divisional Railway Manager and B. Srinivasulu, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, O.P. Shaw, Chief Workshop Manager, Mysuru, Dr. G.S. Ramachandra, Chief Medical Superintendent and all other officers and staff of the Railway Hospital attended the function.

Parcel and Luggage Booking Services opened at Talaguppa Railway Station

Mysuru, Feb. 11- South Western Railway (SWR) has opened inward and outward Parcel and Luggage Booking Services at Talaguppa Railway Station. Currently, following special trains are originating and terminating at Talaguppa Station:

Train No. 06529/06530 KSR Bengaluru - Talaguppa - KSR Bengaluru (Daily) Special Express; Train No. 06227/06228 Mysuru-Talguppa - Mysuru (Daily) Special Express (via KSR Bengaluru); Train No. 06295/06296 Mysuru-Talguppa -Mysuru Intercity Express (Daily) Special Express. Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, has in a press release, urged the public to make use of the new facility.

City Engineering College Professors design agri portal for farmers

Mysuru, Feb.11- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has developed a portal *http://www.farmrida.com/* to support the Agriculture Department Resource Managers, policy-makers, scientists and farmers with readily available information for decision support in the field of agriculture. The portal reflects agriculture information and for decision support related to Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru district.

The portal has been designed and developed by Dr. J. Jayanth, Associate Professor, R. Aravind, Assistant Professor, C.M. Amulya, Project Assistant, at VTU Research Centre, Department of Electronics and Communication, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, with Financial Grants sanctioned by Natural Resource Database Management System (NRDMS), Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

This project deals with Spatial Agricultural Information and Decision Support System for Land-use Management. It is a data driven application having three modules — Agro-socio-economic-information, Crops' Information & Management, Agri DSS and Database Update Module.

This portal will help farmers in the following ways:

1. Information & Management of various crops like Cotton, Paddy, Banana, Sugarcane and Pulses that are grown in Nanjangud Taluk.

2. DSS provides options for calculating the quantity of yield is predicted based on the Soil health card, Crop pattern, diversification index and Income generation module that helps in calculating the income for the crops grown by the farmers, according to a press release from GSSSIETW Principal Dr. M. Shivakumar.

Thousands visit *Hunar Haat* every day

Expo makes over Rs. 25 lakh business in 5 days

Singers Annu and Shankar performing at Maharaja's College Grounds in city yesterday, as part of Hunar Haat's Cultural Evening.

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (RKB&SSV)- An estimated Rs. 25 lakh business has been made by Hunar Haat, a-sale-cum exhibition of indigenous products of artisans and craftsmen, organised by the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs, at Maharaja's College Grounds since Feb. 6.

According to sources, the expo has been organised with the slogan 'Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas' under the aegis of National Minority Development Corporation and Finance Corporation.

On Sunday alone, the expo attracted a crowd of around 40,000. All together in the past five days, over a lakh people have visited this exhibition which is a confluence of craft, cuisine and culture.

Mysureans are thronging Hunar Haat venue not only to buy artefacts but also to enjoy delicacies of other States.

Althaf Ali's stall featuring bamboo craft of Chhattisgarh such as flowerpots, beer mugs, hanging pots, rain sound maker and a miniature waterfall saw more visitors.

The 3D paintings stall, set up by Pradeep Singh Kothari, an artist from Kishanganj in Rajasthan, is also attracting the art connoisseurs. Kothari said that this art was slowly dying due to advent of machine printing. Artists have switched over to other professions as the traditional one was no longer a profitable venture.

The products from other States were also attracting people in big number. The expo concludes on Feb. 14.

TCS TechBytes IT Quiz

for Engineering students

Mysuru, Feb. 11- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leading global IT services, consulting and business solutions organization, and the Board for IT Education Standards (BITES), an autonomous body promoted by Government of Karnataka, in association with IT industries and educational institutions, have announced that the 12th edition of TCSTechBytes — an Engineering IT Quiz, will be completely digital.

The quiz is open to engineering students (BE/BTech) of all streams and semesters in Karnataka. Each institution can send up to 20 students to participate in the Regional Finals. There is no participation fee. Entries have to be sent by the respective institutions before Feb. 25: *bitesitquiz@gmail.com* [contact Ph: 080-41235889].

This year, the quiz has been re-imagined as a combination of online tests and virtual quiz shows to provide students with an engaging digital experience. Preliminary online test will be held on Mar. 8. The schedule for the Regional rounds is as below:

Mar. 15: Mysuru and Kalaburagi; **Mar. 16:** Hubballi and Mangaluru; **Mar. 17:** Tumakuru and Bengaluru.

Winners and Runners-up of each regional round will receive gift vouchers worth Rs. 12,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively, as well as an opportunity to compete in the State Finals to be held on Mar. 26. At the finals, prizes include educational scholarships of Rs. 75,000 for the winners and Rs. 40,000 for the runners up.

The quiz will focus on the application of technology across various sectors and aspects such as: the technology environment, the business, its people, new trends, legends, etc. It will also focus on emerging areas such as: digital, cloud computing, telecom, social media, big data, artificial intelligence, biometrics, mobility and robotics, besides covering personalities (international and national), software products, history of IT and areas where IT has made an impact such as education, entertainment, books, multimedia, music, movies, internet, banking, advertising, sports, gaming, social networking, cell phones, etc.

For details, log on to: *www.bites.org.in*

Un-lock-ing tradition...

Mysuru, Feb. 11 (BNR)- Your visit to Hunar Haat at Maharaja's College Grounds will be incomplete if you miss to visit the Stall No. C-59 of **Javed Husain** from Civil Lines of Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh, who has brought with him hundreds of deigns of handmade locks.

From Gods and Goddesses to animals and birds, the stall features variety of designs, including three-key locks, hand-crafted at "J. Kraft - Collection of Handicraft Products" — factory of Javed Husain back at his hometown.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Javed said "Many a people visiting my stall here said that they were seeing such hand-crafted antique locks for the first time and appreciated the designs. Also, many purchased various designs of locks and I am having quite a good business."

Stating that his forefathers too were into the same business, Javed said that he learnt the art from his father late Mudasir Husain.

"Now, I have 7-8 persons working with me; I take care of the production side and my brother looks into marketing part," said Javed who says his locks are completely of brass material and they do not use springs in it; They are completely manual. Price of these traditional locks ranges from Rs. 30 to Rs. 1,500 each.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gadabout

Pronunciation: GAD-uh-bout.
Meaning: A person who goes from place to place in social activity.
Origin: If you had to pick the insect most closely related to a gadabout, you might wryly guess the "social butterfly." But there's another bug that's commonly heard buzzing around discussions of the gadabout: the gadfly. Gadfly is a term used for any of a number of winged pests (such as horse-flies) that bite or annoy livestock. Since gadflies are known for their nasty bite, it's not surprising that they are named after a sharp chisel or pointed bar used by miners to loosen rock and ore called a "gad." But, although a gad-about's gossip can bite, gadfly doesn't have any clear etymological relation to gadabout, which traces back to the Middle English verb gadden, whose etymology etymologists are still trying to catch.
Example: "Here's where [Bill] Murray enters the picture as Laura's father, Felix, a semi-retired art dealer and jet-setting gadabout who returns to town just in time to be the devil on his daughter's shoulder." — Ty Burr

THE ODD WORD

Gallicide

Killer of fowl.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get down to brass tacks

Meaning: Engage with the basic facts or re-alities.
Origin: The figurative expression 'getting down to brass tacks' isn't particularly old as phrases go. Its first appearance in print that can be found from the USA in January 1863, was in the Texas newspaper The Tri-Weekly Telegraph: "When you come down to 'brass tacks' - if we may be allowed the expression - everybody is governed by selfishness."
All of the other known early citations either originate in, or refer to, Texas. It is reasonable to assume that the phrase was coined there, in or about the 1860s. The derivation of 'getting down to brass tacks' is uncertain. Nevertheless, it is a phrase that is often asked about, so I will list the most likely possible sources and the evidence for and against them and leave you to make up your mind for yourself.
Brass tacks are, of course, real as well as figurative items and two of the most commonly repeated supposed derivations refer to actual tacks. Firstly, there's the use of brass-headed nails as fabric fixings in the furniture trade, chosen on account of their decorative appearance and imperviousness to rust. Such brass tacks were commonly used in Tudor furniture.

QUOTE BOX

Brass shines as fair to the ignorant as gold to the goldsmiths.—**Elizabeth I**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

R.P.I

Answer :A grave error.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A discredit as on reputation
5 Ark builder
9 A person's leg
12 City near Oakland
13 Ever present as a prefix
14 Mantric words
15 Of the ear
16 Shows or exhibits
18 Grand dinner
20 Friend or chum
21 Bull periods
22 Units of energy
25 Japanese-American
28 Law as a system or in abstract
29 Sturdy tree
30 Outer garment
31 Static Air Temp.
32 Spiritual teacher
33 Ontario, in short
34 Wooden nail or pin
35 Capital of Bihar
36 Make safe
38 Public conveyance
39 Horizontal Situation Indicator
40 Frontier settlement
44 In a carefree manner
47 A Welsh boy's name
48 Everybody
49 ___ Stanley Gardener : mystery writer?
50 Fiddling emperor
51 Balaam's beast
52 Expensive
53 Western novels author Zane ___

DOWN

1 One who considers himself to be superior
2 India's melody queen
3 __ __ arms : riled ? (2,2)
4 Tennis equipment
5 Knobs on roots or branches
6 Leave out or exclude
7 In short, response to a question
8 Large African mammals inhabiting rivers etc.
9 Make every possible effort ? (2,3,3)
10 Hollywood actress ___ Adams
11 Short for 'manuscripts'
17 Fijian island
19 Wire service inits.
22 __ out : protrude outward
23 Gain by labour
24 A predatory seabird
25 In brief, sergeants and corporals
26 "Last Days of Pompeii" role
27 Bags for carrying books used by school boys
28 Cut or tear in uneven manner
31 Observe or look at
32 Fighting for breath
34 Valued or esteemed highly?
35 Place
37 Employ or avail of
38 Purchaser
40 Clay water jar
41 Six deliveries
42 Annoyed
43 2004 movie starring Brad Pitt as Achilles
44 Bleat of a sheep or a lamb
45 "Treasure Island" monogram
46 Poetic anger

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

O	H	M	S	■	A	G	A	■	K	E	P	I
R	O	L	L	O	V	E	R	■	I	V	E	S
A	W	A	I	T	I	N	G	■	S	E	R	E
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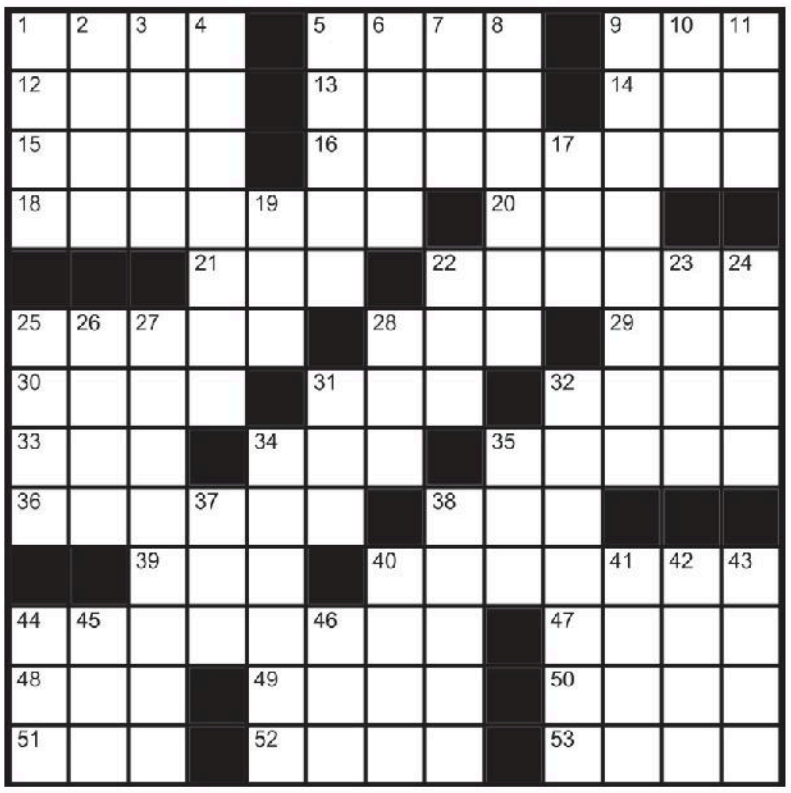

SUDOKO

	6		2	1	9	5		
								8
7					5			
6		7	3		8			2
3								1
2			1		7	4		3
			9					4
9								
		5	7	2	4		1	

Answer to previous puzzle

1	8	5	3	7	6	4	9	2
9	3	7	1	2	4	6	5	8
6	2	4	8	9	5	7	3	1
2	1	9	6	5	8	3	4	7
3	5	8	4	1	7	9	2	6
4	7	6	2	3	9	8	1	5
8	9	3	5	6	1	2	7	4
7	6	1	9	4	2	5	8	3
5	4	2	7	8	3	1	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZFKJ HJKX RYMKX QXOXCQA XCHEJXMZ

FC DVYH ZFK YJX SFPOYJXQ DEHV.

TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The only real failure in life is not to be true to the best one knows.

Admission to Adarsha Vidyalaya

Mysuru, Feb. 11- The District Institute for Education and Training (DIET), Vasanth Mahal, in city has invited online applications for admission to sixth standard in Adarsha Vidyalayas for the academic year 2021-22. Students or parents can submit applications online through website *www.schooleducation.kar.nic.in* or *www.vidyavahini.karnataka.gov.in* before Feb. 20.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Shadow (K) - *4 shows*

Balaji Theatre **Ph: 2497199**
Shadow (K) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 9986022634**
Shadow (K) - 4 Shows

Uma Theatre **Ph: 2520009**
Mastram (H) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS **Ph: 4240422, 4241800**

Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
Master (Ta)	(S-1)	1.00 pm
Monster Hunter 3D (E)	(S-1)	7.30 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 4.15 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Trip (T)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Kalathil Santhippom (T)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Bomma Adirindi Dhimma Tirigindi (Te)	(S-2)	7.30 pm
Zombie Reddy (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Manjra (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 7.15 pm
Shadow (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Vittal Wadi (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm

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Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-1)	3.35 pm
	(S-2)	11.15 am, 2.45 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	6.10 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.35 pm, 5.10 pm, 8.45 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-1)	12.40 pm
	(S-2)	6.30 pm
	(S-3)	3.25 pm
Monster Hunter (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Zombie Reddy (Te)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-3)	12.05 pm

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Manjra (K)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Shadow (K)	(S-1)	2.30 pm
Kalathil Sandhippom (Ta)	(S-1)	6.00 pm
Zombie Reddy (Te)	(S-1)	9.00 pm
Inspector Vikram (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.50 pm, 5.00 pm, 8.30 pm
	(S-3)	6.30 pm
Monster Hunter 3D (E)	(S-3)	11.00 am, 1.15 pm, 3.45 pm
Mangalavara Rajaadina (K)	(S-4)	11.15 am, 7.30 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Vittalwadi (Te)	(S-4)	4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Kodagu lass Unnathi breaks P.T. Usha's record in Hurdle Race

Completes 80-metre hurdles (U-16) in 11.50 seconds at National Junior Athletics Championships

Madikeri, Feb. 11 (PS&BCT)- Bollanda Unnathi Aiyappa from Kodagu has created a new national record in the 80-metre hurdles held on Feb. 8 and 300-metre hurdles held on Feb. 9 at the 36th National Junior Athletics Championships at the Sarusajai Stadium in Assam.

Representing Karnataka in the Under-16 category, Unnathi Aiyappa clocked 11.50 seconds in the 80-metre hurdle and bagged the gold medal. It is a new national record. In the 300-metre hurdles too, she clocked 40.11 seconds, creating a record. She defeated Soumita Paul (West Bengal) 40.15 and Roshani Yadav (Uttar Pradesh) 40.94.

She is the daughter of former Indian heptathlete Pramila Aiyappa (from Guddanda family) and quartermiler B.P. Aiyappa. Notably, it was her father, presently a national athletic coach, trained her to achieve the feat.

In 1979, the legend P.T. Usha had created a record in Under-16 category by completing the 80-metre hurdles in 12.2 seconds and in 1985, Karnataka's A.N. Rekha matched Usha's record. Now Unnathi has broken this record to wind up the race in 11.50 seconds.

In the 300-metre hurdles, Unnathi clocked 40.11 seconds, thereby breaking a national record that was held by an athlete from West Bengal.

Unnathi was a constant presence at the Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru from a very young age, accompanying Pramila during contests and later on, as a trainee under her parents. She watched on television her mother winning the Asian Games bronze in the heptathlon at Guangzhou in 2010 but at five, was too young to understand its significance. Soon though, she too was winning medals on her own at the school level and now she has risen to national level, breaking records.

Bollanda Unnathi Aiyappa from Kodagu

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 11)

- **National Minority Development and Finance Department:** Hunar Haat - Craft, Cuisine and Culture Ka Sangam, Maharaj's College Grounds, **11 am to 10 pm**.
- **Karnataka Rajyada Savita Nadabrahma Sangeetha Kala Sangha, T.K. Layout:** Sri Tyagaraja and Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, Nagaswara Recital, **3 pm;** Flute Recital, **3.30 pm;** Vocal Concert, **4 pm;** Nagaswara Recital, **4.30 pm to 5 pm;** Saxophone Recital, **5 pm;** Clarinet Concert, **5.30 pm;** Saxophone Recital, **6 pm;** Special Programme by Akashvani and Doordarshan Programmes, Sangha's Community Hall, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 12)

- **Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru:** Technical Institutions and Industries Meet, GTTC-Bengaluru Managing Director H. Raghavendra chief guest, Roopa Elite, D-29, 6th Main, V.V. Mohalla, **9 am to 5.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka State Government Employees Association:** Inauguration of two-day District-level Sports Meet, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, Nazarbad, **10 am.**
- **Mysuru District Kannada Theatre Professional Artistes Association and Department of Kannada & Culture:** Association's Anniversary celebrations, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipura Mutt inaugurates and Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Chennappa, MLA G.T. Devegowda presides; Theatre Songs, **10 am to 12 noon;** Felicitation ceremony, **12 pm to 1 pm;** Staging of mythological play 'Daksha Yajna,' Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **2 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Malabar Gold & Diamonds:** Artistry - Branded Jewellery Show, Malabar Showroom, B.N. Road, near KSRTC Sub-Urban Bus Stand, **10 am onwards.**
- **National Minority Development and Finance Department:** Hunar Haat - Craft, Cuisine and Culture Ka Sangam, **11 am to 10 pm;** Evening of Music - Performance by Bollywood Singers Bupinder Singh Bappi, Mirza Sisters (Chandani Baig and Mumtaz Baig) and Mohit Khanna, Maharaj's College Grounds, **7 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Anubhava Tutorials, Mysuru:** Condolence Meeting - To pay tribute National Award-winning teacher Y.S. Subramanya, Srikanta Higher Primary School, Agrahara, **11 am.**
- **Sri K. Puttaswamy First Grade College, Gokulam 3rd Stage:** Valedictory of two-day workshop on 'Python programming for beginners,' valedictory address by Dr. D.C. Vinutha, Professor and Head, Department of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, VVCE, Mysuru, Dr. M. Shivalinge Gowda, Principal, Sri K. Puttaswamy First Grade College, guest of honour; Panel of Resource persons - S. Rajan (Asst. Professor, Department of Information Science, VVCE), M.R. Naveen Kumar (Asst. Professor, Department of Information Science, VVCE), S. Gagana (Asst. Professor, Department of Information Science, VVCE) and S. Kavyashree (Asst. Professor, Department of Information Science, VVCE), Computer Lab, Department of Information Science, A-Block, VVCE, **3.30 pm.**
- **Mysuru Book Clubs-2015:** Launching of book "You'll All See..." authored by Aditya R. Belur, Dr. S.N. Mothi, Consultant Paediatrician and Founder Trustee, Ashakirana Hospital, releases the book, Kannada cine actor Radhika Narayan will receive the first copy, N. Niranjan Nikam, Senior Journalist, will be in conversation with the author, MRC Club House, Race Course Road, **5.30 pm.**
- **Kadamba Ranga Vedike and Department of Kannada & Culture:** Inauguration of 'Kadamba Ranga Habba,' **6.30 pm;** Staging of humour play 'Corporator Kotregowda' by Aatamaata, Dharward, **7.30 pm.**

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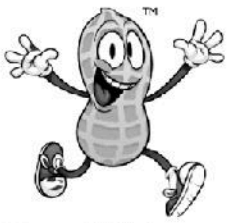

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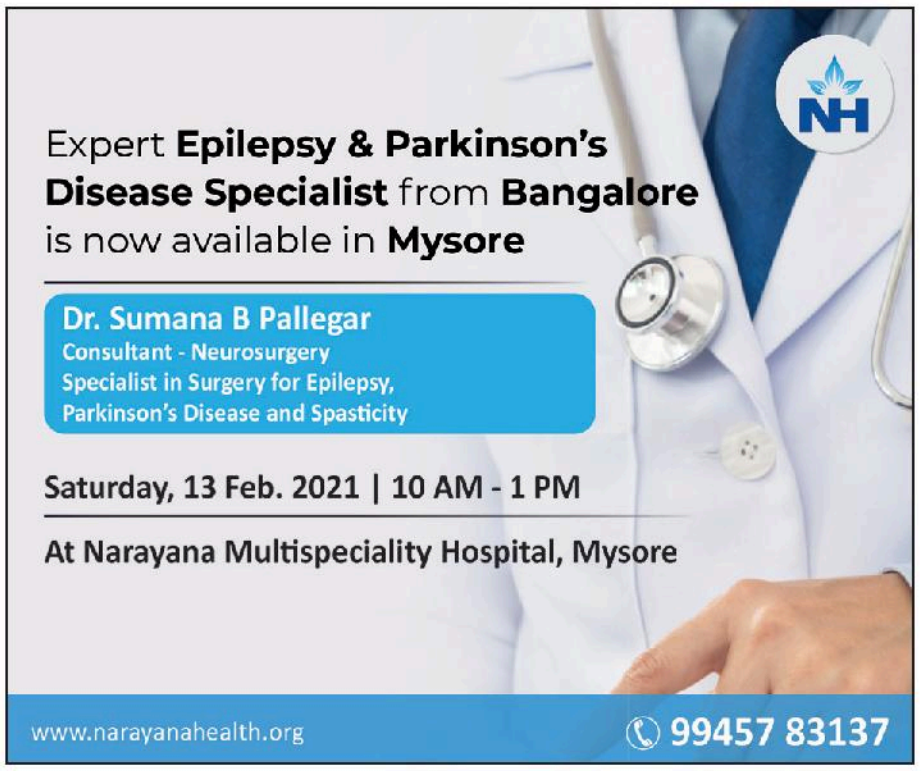
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